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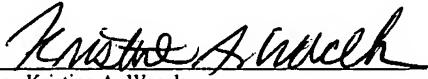
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Dear Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claim 1 and the reasons for allowance given by the Examiner. However, Applicants respectfully note that the Examiner's statement incorrectly summarizes the subject matter of claim 1. The Examiner states, "The subject matter not found was a cartridge barrel for use in a medication pump, wherein the barrel has only one unbroken opaque band on the inside of the barrel, and wherein the barrel has a closed end with a tip that is used to release the medicament as well as in combination with the other elements or steps of the claim." (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully note that claim 1 requires that the cartridge barrel includes a barrel wall and that the barrel wall is more opaque in the region extending from a ridge to an open end than in at least a portion of a remainder of the barrel wall. Claim 1 does not require an opaque band on the inside of the barrel.

In addition, the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are not exhaustive of the reasons that claim 1 is patentable over the prior art.

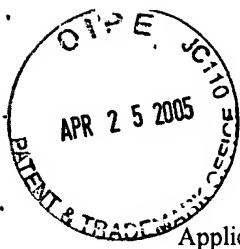
Finally, the stated reasons for allowance do not establish estoppel against Applicants seeking and obtaining allowance of additional claims in a continuation application, which Applicants reserve the right to file.

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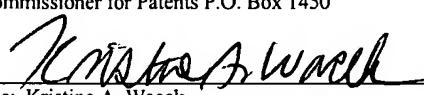


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